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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Request by Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech
Wisconsin to Establish Extended Area Service
Between Jackson and Thiensville

6720-TV-119

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING, INVESTIGATION, ASSESSMENT OF COSTS,
AND REQUEST FOR DATA**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to investigate, per Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 167, the request of Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin (Ameritech) to establish extended area service (EAS) between the Jackson and Thiensville exchanges; Ameritech serves both exchanges.

At the hearing in docket 6720-TV-117,¹ a witness for Ameritech stated that Ameritech would request EAS on three routes² within the Village of Germantown in order to facilitate the investigation of the feasibility of EAS on these routes. In accordance with the EAS rules, Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 167, a telephone utility may submit a request for EAS and such request shall be treated as a petition for purposes of the rules. The Commission will proceed to investigate this matter in accordance with the EAS rules.

Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 167.06(1) states: “the commission shall direct the utilities involved to undertake a study of representative traffic between the exchanges for which EAS is requested.” Ameritech is the only utility involved. Ameritech should therefore submit a study of traffic between the Jackson and Thiensville exchanges so that the Commission may make a determination with respect to the criteria in Wis. Admin. Code §§ PSC 167.06(1)(a) and (b) of whether the requested EAS warrants further investigation. The study should be submitted within sixty days of the date of this Notice.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of Ameritech Wisconsin. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from Ameritech Wisconsin in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

¹ Titled “Request by the Village of Germantown for Amendment of the Wisconsin Bell, Inc. (d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin) Long Distance Boundaries Within the Village.”

² The other two routes are Jackson-Menomonee Falls and Hubertus-Thiensville. Separate dockets have been established for the investigation of those requests.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to the case coordinator, Tom Gross, at (608) 267-2337.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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